UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION,

Plaintiff-Applicant,

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

In re:

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.

IRVING H. PICARD, Trustee for the Liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC, and Bernard L. Madoff,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNION SECURITIES INVESTMENT TRUST CO., LTD., UNION USD GLOBAL ARBITRAGE FUND, UNION USD GLOBAL ARBITRAGE A FUND, and UNION ARBITRAGE STRATEGY FUND,

Defendants.

Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (CGM)

SIPA Liquidation

(Substantively Consolidated)

Adv. Pro. No. 12-01211 (CGM)

STIPULATION AND ORDER

Irving H. Picard (the "Trustee"), as trustee for the substantively consolidated liquidation of the business of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC under the Securities Investor Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78aaa et seg., and the estate of Bernard L. Madoff, individually, and defendants Union Securities Investment Trust Co., Ltd., Union USD Global Arbitrage Fund, Union USD Global Arbitrage A Fund, and Union Arbitrage Strategy Fund ("Defendants"), by and through their respective, undersigned counsel, state as follows:

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2012, the Trustee filed his original complaint ("Complaint") in the above-captioned adversary proceeding against Defendants to recover a subsequent transfer Defendants allegedly received from Fairfield Sentry Limited [ECF. No. 1];

WHEREAS, on November 22, 2016, the Bankruptcy Court issued a Memorandum Decision Regarding Claims to Recover Foreign Subsequent Transfers (the "Bankruptcy Court ET Decision") dismissing certain claims to recover subsequent transfers allegedly received from Fairfield Sentry Limited (among other transferees) on grounds of international comity. *See Picard v. Bureau of Labor Ins. (SIPC v. BLMIS)*, Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (SMB), 2016 WL 6900689 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Nov. 22, 2016);

WHEREAS, the Bankruptcy Court ET Decision dismissed the claim against Defendants;

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2019, the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit issued an order, *In re Picard*, 917 F.3d 85 (2d Cir. 2019) (the "ET and Comity Decision") which, *inter alia*, vacated the Bankruptcy Court ET Decision;

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2019, Defendants filed a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari in the Supreme Court, which sought review of the ET and Comity Decision and which extended the stay of the Second Circuit's mandate until the Supreme Court's final disposition. *See* Petition for Writ of Certiorari, *HSBC Holdings PLC v. Picard*, No. 19-277 (Aug. 29, 2019), 2019 WL 4190391;

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2019, in adversary proceedings that are unrelated to this action, the Trustee filed unopposed petitions for permission to appeal pursuant to 28

U.S.C. § 158(d)(2)(A), which respectively sought (i) a direct appeal to the Second Circuit of the Bankruptcy Court's memorandum decision denying the Trustee's motion for leave to file amended complaint in one adversary proceeding, *Picard v. Citibank, N.A.*, 608 B.R. 181 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2019), and (ii) a direct appeal to the Second Circuit of the Bankruptcy Court's memorandum decision granting, in part, the motion to dismiss the Trustee's amended complaint in another adversary proceeding, *Picard v. Legacy Capital Ltd.*, 548 B.R. 13 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2013) (together, the "Good Faith Appeals");

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2020, the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit granted the Trustee's petitions for the Good Faith Appeals. *See In re BLMIS LLC*, Case No. 19-4282 (2d Cir. Apr. 23, 2020), ECF No. 29; *In re BLMIS LLC*, Case No. 19-4283 (2d Cir. Apr. 23, 2020), ECF No. 25.

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020, the Supreme Court denied Defendants' Petition for a Writ of Certiorari concerning the Second Circuit's ET and Comity Decision. *See* Order, *HSBC Holdings PLC v. Picard*, No. 19-277 (2020), 2020 WL 2814770;

WHEREAS, also on June 1, 2020, the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit issued the mandate in respect of the ET and Comity Decision, *In re Picard*, No. 17-2992 (2d Cir. June 1, 2010), ECF Doc No. 1582, vacating the judgments of the Bankruptcy Court in connection with the Bankruptcy Court ET Decision and remanding the matters for further proceedings consistent with the ET and Comity Decision;

WHEREAS, on August 30, 2021, the Second Circuit issued a consolidated decision in the Good Faith Appeals. *See In re BLMIS LLC*, 12 F.4th 171 (2d Cir. 2021) (the "Good Faith Decision");

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2021, the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit issued the mandate in respect of the Good Faith Decision, vacating the District Court's

good faith decision, *SIPC v. BLMIS*, 516 B.R. 18 (S.D.N.Y. 2014), as well as the Bankruptcy Court's decisions dismissing *Picard v. Citibank*, *N.A.*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05345 (CGM) and *Picard v. Legacy Capital Ltd.*, Adv. Pro. No. 10-05286 (CGM). *See* Mandate, Case No. 20-1333 (2d Cir. Oct. 13, 2021), ECF No. 197; Mandate, Case No. 20-1334 (2d Cir. Oct. 13, 2021), ECF No. 187; and

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, that Defendants shall respond to the Complaint by April 4, 2022. If Defendants file a motion to dismiss the Complaint, the Trustee shall respond to the motion by June 6, 2022, and Defendants shall file their reply by July 6, 2022.

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, that if Defendants file such a motion to dismiss the Complaint, then the parties shall seek oral argument on the motion at the Court's first available convenience.

Dated: January 4, 2022

New York, New York

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SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 5, 2022 Poughkeepsie, New York



/s/ Cecelia G. Morris

Hon. Cecelia G. Morris Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge